DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MODULE

INTERVIEWER'S INSTRUCTIONS

This section asks a series of questions on household relationships and the treatment of women in the household. Due to the extremely sensitive nature of the questions in this section, it is very important that you do everything possible to ensure privacy and the ethical implementation of these questions as you have been trained to do. Note that this section is different from other sections since, even if there is more than one eligible woman in the household, ONLY the ONE woman selected for this section must be asked this set of questions.

DV00: FILTER FOR WOMAN'S ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERVEW

DV00 is a filter that requires you to check the cover page of the questionnaire to determine if the respondent you are interviewing has been pre-selected for this questionnaire section. Accordingly, turn to the cover page of the questionnaire that you are filling out and examine the box below the woman's name and line number. If the box is NOT checked, skip this section and if there are no more sections, end the interview. If the box is checked, continue to DV01.

DV01: FILTER FOR PRIVACY

DV01 is a very important instruction for you. Check your physical surroundings for the presence of others. Check both the area you are sitting in and all areas within hearing distance. Be sure that there is privacy in the sense that there are no persons anywhere near you who will be able to hear and understand your questions. If there are children within hearing distance old enough to understand your questions, ask them politely to leave. Only small infants not capable of understanding can remain. Do not proceed with the interview until you have ensured privacy. The importance of these data cannot be overemphasized, and you must do everything you can to obtain privacy before the interview can continue. If you are unable to ensure privacy you will be forced to skip the section and miss out some very important information.

If, despite your best efforts, you are unable to obtain privacy, you must circle code 2 and skip to DV32. Fill out an explanation of what happened.

If privacy has been obtained, circle code 1 and proceed with the interview. Speak clearly and be very considerate of the feelings of the respondent. Keep your voice low throughout the interview.

When asking the questions in this section, you should avoid showing curiosity, surprise, or any other emotion, whether favorable or unfavorable. Be aware that these topics can be difficult for the respondent to address. She may be embarrassed or fearful of her husband/partner or others, or she may just feel that these matters are too private to discuss. It is your job to win her

trust so that she feels comfortable reporting such personal information to you.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The introductory sentences after DV01 and before DV02 should be treated like an additional informed consent. The respondent should be reassured about the confidentiality of the information. If there is more than one eligible woman in the household, you should informally explain to this respondent that no one else in the household is being asked these questions and that no one else will know what has been discussed. After reading the introductory statement, answer any questions the respondent may have. Once the respondent has no more questions and/or does not object to your asking the questions, you should proceed with the interview.

DV02: FILTER FOR MARITAL STATUS

Check Qs. 601 and 602 for the respondent's marital status. If she is currently married or living with a man, mark the box on the left and continue to DV03. If she is not currently married but has ever been married or lived with a man, mark the box in the center and continue to DV03. In this case ask all questions in the past tense and referring to her last husband.

If she has never been married and never lived with a man, mark the box on the right and skip to DV16.

DV03: QUESTION ON MARITAL CONTROL BY THE HUSBAND

DV03 focuses on different aspects of marital control. For each item, read the item and then pause, giving the respondent enough time to give her answer. Do not force her to respond if she is unwilling. Record her response before asking the next item. Remember to keep your voice calm and low.

Note that you have to phrase the questions according to the actual marital status of the respondent. For example, if a woman is formerly married, ask DV03 like this: "…Please tell me if these apply to your relationship with your last husband. He was jealous or angry if you talked to other men?" If the respondent is currently married ask: "…Please tell me if these apply to your relationship with your husband? He is jealous or angry if you talk to other men?" Read each item, circle the response and then go to the next item.

QUESTIONS DV04 and DV05: EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL TREATMENT OF WOMEN BY THEIR HUSBAND OR PARTNER

Again, it is necessary to ask the questions according to the actual marital status of the respondent. The questions have several different parts. Each part should be read out slowly and clearly so that the respondent hears the entire question before responding. After each question, pause and give the

respondent sufficient time to answer. Answering these questions could be particularly difficult for the respondent so be patient.

DV04A and DV04B: In these questions we are interested in knowing whether the respondent has suffered any form of emotional abuse by her current husband/partner if she is currently married or her last husband/partner if she is formerly married. As in earlier questions, first read the introductory statement then ask each item slowly and clearly. If the answer to an item is YES circle code 1 and then ask question DV04B to determine how often each type of incident occurred in the preceding 12 months.

The answer codes for DV04B are OFTEN, SOMETIMES, and NOT IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS. Respondents may not always give you an answer in these terms. For example, a respondent may ask “What do you mean by ‘often’?” In this case you should respond with “Whatever you yourself consider to be often.” If she gives you a quantitative answer such as “It happened once or twice last year,” then use the following general rule of thumb: If it occurred 5 or more times, code it as OFTEN. If it occurred 1-4 times, code it as SOMETIMES.

In DV04A(a), we are trying to determine whether or not the respondent has felt humiliated because of something her husband said or did in front of others. The focus is on her feeling humiliated, not on what the husband said or did to humiliate her. For example if a respondent says “He likes to scold me in front of guests and I feel really embarrassed and ashamed,” circle code 1.

In DV04A(b) we want to know whether or not the husband has done something that made the respondent feel afraid for either herself or someone she cares about (such as her children, her mother, her friends, etc.). The type of harm threatened is not important here; rather the respondent’s own perception that there was a threat is important. If the respondent says YES, circle code 1 and ask question DV04B.

In DV04A(c), we want to know whether her husband makes her feel bad about herself by insulting her or by any other means. Examples include making her feel that she is no good at anything she does, she does not know how to behave, etc. Again, we are not interested in what he does or says, but whether the end result is that the respondent feels that she herself is just not good enough. If the respondent says YES, circle code 1 and ask question DV04B.

DV05A and DV05B: DV05 addresses physical and sexual violence perpetrated by the husband. Respondents may find these questions painful, and some respondents may get emotional or upset. If a respondent does lose her composure, be sympathetic and kind. Give the respondent a chance to recover before proceeding. Do not force the respondent to answer; at the same time, keep in mind that, no matter how painful, most respondents are willing to share this information if you are patient, nonjudgmental, and empathetic. As in DV04, circle code 1 for an affirmative response to an item

and ask DV05B to determine frequency in the past 12 months, before proceeding to the next item.

Most items in DV05A are self-explanatory. Respondents might not see the distinction between items (h), (i), and (j). Item (h) asks about the use of physical force to have sexual intercourse, whereas, items (i) and (j) ask about the use of physical force (item i) and other non-physical means (item j) to force her to perform sexual acts she did not want to. We are not trying to find out what the sexual acts are: just whether the respondent was forced to do something sexual that she did not want to do. Remember that if a respondent says YES to an item on DV05A, she is asked DV05B.

DV06: FILTER

Check DV05. If the respondent answered YES to at least one of the questions, mark the box on the left and proceed to the next question. If there was not a single answer to DV05 (a – j) that was YES, mark the box on the right and skip to DV09.

DV07: THE TIME OF FIRST OCCURANCE

This question allows us to determine when the physical and/or sexual violence by the husband/partner first began in relation to the start of the relationship. Note that we want to know the timing of the first occurrence of abuse. If one or more items in DV05A have been coded 1, then we want information on the first time that any of the items coded YES happened. For example, if the respondent has said yes to being slapped (DV05A(b)) and to being attacked with a knife (DV05(g)), then we want to know when it was that she was first slapped or attacked, whichever type of abuse happened first. If the response given is less than one year after they started living together, record ‘00’, otherwise, record the answer in completed number of years. For example, if the respondent says “One and a half years after marriage,” record ‘01’ in the boxes. If the first act of violence occurred before the couple got married/began living together, circle code 95.

DV08: INJURIES

We are interested in knowing whether the respondent has been physically hurt as a result of some deliberate act by her husband/partner. Anything that was a clear accident is not being counted. In DV08(a), cuts refer to injuries in which the skin is broken and bruises and aches to injuries in which the skin has not been broken. DV08(b) refers to more serious injuries to the eyes, actual sprains, bones dislocated but not completely broken, and burns. Finally DV08(c) refers to wounds which are not just small cuts but which are much more serious or broken bones and other more serious injuries.

DV09 AND DV10: WOMAN’S BEHAVIOR TOWARD HUSBAND/PARTNER

Question DV09 seeks to determine whether or not the respondent herself is ever an instigator of domestic violence. Read the question slowly so that the respondent hears all parts. This question is referring to any act by the respondent that would physically hurt the husband/partner. However, it is asking about physical abuse by the respondent that took place when the husband/partner was not already in the process of abusing her. All acts such as those asked about specifically in DV05 are included even though we are not listing them again separately. If the respondent says that she has never hit her husband/partner, circle code 2 for NO and skip to DV11. Also circle code 2 if the respondent says that she hit her husband/partner but only after he had begun to beat her. If the respondent says "I hit him in self defense," probe to find out whether he was already beating her when she hit him or whether she hit him first. If she has never ever hit him first, circle code 2; if she has hit him first whether in self defense or not, circle code 1.

DV10 is only for women who have said that they have tried to physically hurt their husband when he was not hitting them (code 1 in DV09). In DV10 we are interested in knowing the frequency with which the respondent has done these things to her husband/partner during the last year. The response should NOT include any time that the wife hit or beat the husband/partner when he was already beating or physically hurting her. Also see instructions for DV04B for what to code as OFTEN and SOMETIMES.

DV11 AND DV12: HUSBAND'S/PARTNER'S DRINKING

In DV11, we are interested in knowing whether or not the husband/partner drinks alcoholic beverages. If the husband drinks alcohol, the response should be YES regardless of the type of alcoholic beverage or the frequency of consumption. If the response is YES, circle code 1 and proceed to DV12. If the response is NO, circle code 2 and skip to DV13.

Question DV12 is only asked from respondents whose husband/partner drinks alcoholic beverages. In this question we are interested not in the frequency of drinking but of getting drunk—whatever it is that the respondent understands by 'drunk'. If she asks you what you mean by being 'drunk', explain that a person is considered 'drunk' if he has had so much alcohol that he is not in complete control of himself.

DV13: FEAR OF PARTNER

This question is asked of all ever-married women, whether or not they have reported abuse or drinking by their current or last husband/partner. It is again referring to the current husband/partner for women who are currently married and the last (most recent) husband/partner for formerly married women. The question is self explanatory and the respondent will have to choose between the three answer codes: MOST OF THE TIME AFRAID, SOMETIMES AFRAID or NEVER AFRAID. Again we are not interested in why she is/was afraid, but only whether she is/was afraid of her husband/partner.

DV14 AND DV15: PHYSICAL ABUSE BY PREVIOUS PARTNER

DV15 is only asked of women that have been married more than once. For filter DV14, check Q. 609 to determine if a woman has been married more than once. For those that have only been married once, skip to DV16.

DV15A asks the respondent if she has undergone physical or sexual abuse from a previous husband/partner, and covers the same forms of abuse asked in DV05A. For currently married women the previous husband/partner is any husband/partner other than her current one. For formerly married women, the previous husband/partner is any husband/partner other than her last (most recent) husband/partner.

If the respondent reports abuse, circle code 1 and proceed to DV15B. If she does not report abuse, circle code 2. DV15B asks the respondent how long ago the abuse occurred. Circle the appropriate code. Remember that these questions only refer to a previous husband

DV16: HISTORY OF ABUSE

This question is asked of all women, whether or not they have reported abuse by their current or last husband/partner and whether or not they have ever been married. Check Qs. 601 and 602 for marital status. Ask the question corresponding to the respondent's marital status.

Ever-married women: Ask the version of DV16 which is on the left. All ever-married women have already been asked about husband/partner abuse in earlier questions. In this question, they are being asked about their experience of physical abuse since they were age 15 by any person other than their current or any previous husband/partner. If the woman has been married only once, read the question like this "From the time you were 15 years old, has anyone other than your husband…" and if she is formerly married or has been married more than once, read the question like this: "From the time you were 15 years old, has anyone other than any husband…" For example, an ever-married woman could have been abused by one of her parents or her in-laws or a teacher.

Women who have never been married or lived with a man: Ask the version of DV16 which is on the right. Note that this is the first time that these women are being asked about any type of abuse. Be sure that the respondent understands the question and give her sufficient time to answer.

For both sets of women, read the question slowly, pausing briefly after each type of violent act mentioned. Be sure that married women understand that the question excludes violence by a husband/partner. If the respondent answers NO, skip to DV19. If the respondent answers YES, then proceed to the next question.

DV17: ABUSER INFORMATION

This question seeks to find out who, other than the respondent's current/last husband/partner, has physically hurt the respondent. Circle all those persons the respondent mentions. If she mentions someone who has not been listed, circle code X and specify who it is. Note that more than one answer is acceptable.

DV18: RECENT ABUSE

This question seeks to find out how often the person whose code is circled in DV17 has physically hurt, slapped, or kicked the respondent in the last year. If more than one code is circled in DV17, then you must find out the frequency with which this occurred in the past year, irrespective of which of the persons mentioned in DV17 was doing it. So if a respondent said that both her step-mother and step-father beat her, find out whether, in total, she was beaten often, sometimes, or never in the past year. Circle the appropriate code.

DV19 - DV21: ABUSE DURING PREGNANCY

Check Q.201, 226, and 230 to see if the respondent has ever been pregnant. Skip to DV22 if she has never been pregnant.

DV20 is asked only of women who have ever been pregnant or are currently pregnant. Even if women have already reported violence by a husband/partner or by anyone else, we want to know if any violence has occurred during any pregnancy, current or past. For women who have been pregnant more than once, it does not matter whether violence occurred in only one or more than one pregnancy. Code 1 in DV20 should be circled if violence occurred even in one pregnancy.

DV21 asks about the perpetrators of the violence during pregnancy. Multiple responses may be circled since more than one person may have abused the respondent during one or more pregnancies. Make sure to probe for additional responses. Also, note that unlike in question DV17, in this question a current or former husband/partner could be the perpetrator.

DV22 - DV25: HISTORY OF FORCED SEX AND SEXUAL ACTS

This section starts with a filter (DV22) and asks you to check Qs. 601 and 602 for marital status. This filter allows you to determine which version of the next question (DV22A or DV22B) is the right one for this respondent.

Questions DV22A-DV25 are trying to find out whether the respondent has a history of forced sexual intercourse or sexual acts. No definition of force is being given here—force can include physical force, emotional force or anything else that the respondent considers as force, such as threats to her or her children, etc. What is important is that the respondent believes that she was being forced to have sex or perform sexual acts when she did not want to.

DV22A and DV22B are essentially the same question but are worded somewhat differently by marital status of the respondent. DV22A is asked if the respondent is ever-married or has ever lived with a partner and DV22B is asked if the respondent has never been married or lived with a man. These questions are very important but difficult. There are three different things that you have to keep in mind when asking either of these questions:

1. The questions are asking not only about sexual intercourse, but also about being forced to do anything sexual. Sexual violence does not always take the form of sexual intercourse. Thus, a woman who has said she has never had sexual intercourse may have been forced to perform other sexual acts against her will which would also be considered sexual violence.
2. The questions are also trying to capture sexual violence that may have occurred when the respondent was a child and not just in the recent past. Childhood sexual abuse is very difficult to capture and respondents sometimes find it difficult to talk about.
3. The term 'forced in any way' is included with the idea that, especially in childhood abuse, the force can take many different forms. For example, it may be in the form of emotional blackmail where the abusing adult may be using the threat of withdrawing their love from the child.
4. Finally, if the respondent seems nervous or looks worried, you must assure her again about the confidentiality of the information she is giving you. Tell her again that anything she says will not be told to anyone and no one will know that she was asked these questions.

When asking DV22A and DV22B, remember to word the question correctly for ever-married women as shown in the instruction for DV16.

DV22A is for ever-married women: Ever-married women have already been asked about spousal/partner sexual abuse in earlier questions. In this question, they are being asked about sexual abuse by any person other than their current or previous husband/partner. They are being asked to report their experience of any kind of sexual abuse ever in their lifetime, including both childhood and adulthood. *DV22B is for women who have never been married or lived with a man.*

Given the complexity of what DV22A and DV22B are asking and the extreme delicacy of these questions, be careful to word them exactly as is given for both sets of women. Read the questions slowly with the right phrases emphasized. Let the respondent take her time to answer. For DV22A, if the respondent answers YES, skip to DV23. If the respondent answers NO or refuses to answer, then proceed to the filter DV24A. For DV22B, too, if the never-married respondent says NO or refuses to answer, skip to DV24A, otherwise ask DV23.

In DV23, all respondents who say YES to DV22A or DV22B are asked who the person was who was forcing them at the time that the sexual violence first occurred. That is why DV23 does not allow multiple answers. Even if the respondent has been sexually abused by more than one person, we are

asking her about the first time this happened and who the person was who was abusing her that first time. For ever-married women, remember that the question is asking women about sexual abuse by men who are not their current husband/partner or former husband/partner. Note that current husband/partner and former husband/partner are permitted as answer codes because some women may say that the person who first abused them became their husband/partner after the abuse, but was not their husband/partner at the time of the abuse. However, before you circle either '01' or '02', be sure to remind the respondent that you are asking about the relationship at the time of the first abuse. If she still says that the person became her husband/partner later then circle '01' if the person is her current husband/partner and '02' if the person was a former husband/partner.

In DV24, check Qs.601 and 602 for respondent's marital status. Ask the appropriate version of the question in DV24 according to whether the respondent has ever been married or lived with a man or not. Again, remember to ask the question correctly for ever-married women as shown in the instruction for DV16. Note that both the answers for DV24 skip to DV25.

Filter DV24A is for ever-married women who said NO or refused to answer DV22A. For these women, the filter asks you to check back to Qs. DV05A items (h), (i), and (j) and DV15A item (b). If any of these items is a YES, then ask DV25. If everyone of them is a NO, then skip to DV26.

Question DV25 has two different forms depending on marital status. Hence first check Qs. 601 and 602 for the respondent's marital status. If the respondent has ever been married or lived with a man, then ask the question on the left; if the respondent has never been married or lived with a man, then ask the one on the right. Question DV25 asks all respondents who report any sexual abuse in DV22A, DV22B, or in the earlier spousal sexual abuse questions (DV05A(h-j) and DV15A(b)), the age at which sexual abuse first occurred. This question is asking about the respondent's age at the time of the first occurrence of sexual abuse, who-so-ever the first abuser was. Remember to record the age in completed years.

DV26-DV29: HELP SEEKING

In DV26 check DV05A(a-j), DV15, DV16, DV20, DV22, and DV25. Only women who have reported any kind of physical or sexual abuse are asked these questions. If the respondent has not experienced any kind of abuse, that is, there is not even one YES in any of the relevant questions, then skip to DV30. If there is at least one question that is coded YES, then ask DV27.

DV27 refers to any kind of help that the respondent may have sought for the abuse. She could have asked her own family or gone to the police, for example. The nature of the help being sought is not important, but only whether she ever sought help and from whom (DV28). If she did seek help, code all the persons/types of people or organizations she sought help from in DV28.

If the respondent has never sought help from anyone (NO to DV27) skip to DV29.

Note that in DV28 multiple responses may be circled. Make sure to probe for more responses. All women who are asked DV28 are skipped to DV30.

DV29 should be asked only of women who reported that they did not seek help for the abuse from anyone. With this question, we want to know if they have at least told someone about the abuse.

DV30: RESPONDENT'S FATHER AND MOTHER

In this question we are interested in knowing whether the respondent's mother ever experienced spousal violence. All women are asked this question even if they have not experienced violence themselves. Circle code 8 if the respondent really does not know if her father beat her mother.

DV31: OBSERVATIONS

DV31 provides information on the extent of privacy maintained during the interview. This is not a question for the respondent, but something you answer yourself. Circle a code in each line of DV31 to indicate whether or not the interview was interrupted by the respondent's husband/partner, another male adult, or a female adult. We are interested here in knowing which persons interrupted the interview and how frequently. If the husband walked through the room once and later came in to ask the respondent a question, circle code 2 for YES, MORE THAN ONCE. Such interruptions may influence the respondent's answers. Remember, in no circumstances should you have continued the interview unless there was no one who could have heard.

DV32: COMMENTS/EXPLANATION

If the interview could not be completed use this space to give a complete explanation. You must explain why you were unable to obtain privacy. If you were able to complete the interview, give any information in this space that might help to interpret the results. Also note any factors that may have influenced the respondent's answers.

Remember to thank the respondent for her cooperation and reassure her of the confidentiality of her responses. At this point, check your questionnaire carefully. Before leaving the house, make sure you have followed the skip patterns correctly and that your marks are legible.

If the respondent has asked about sources of help or referrals, this is the time when you should provide this information to her as you have been trained to do.